2. Replacement of 2 Tugs - Rs. 18.20 crores Amravati and Venkat

Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)

Construction of 2nd Coal Jetty — Rs. 11.00 crores

Mormugao (Goa, Daman & Diu)

Additional barge Unloading Jetty — Rs. 7.98 crores

Bombay (Maharashtra)

1. Replacement of Lock Gate at Indira Dock — Rs. 5.72 crores

2. Replacement of Pir Pau Oil Pier — Rs. 50.24 crores

Calcutta (West Bengal)

Recession of Jiggerkhali Flat — Rs. 43.29 crores.

Funds for Road Construction Projects

2217. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State have proposed setting up of joint ventures between Government and the private sector to raise funds for financing road construction projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that alternatively a revolving fund for toll-based projects and re-deploying toll collection and other funds generated through advertisements and roadside amenities have been suggested; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Constitutionally, Government of India are responsible primarily for the National Highways. Development of roads other than the National highways is essentially the responsibility of State Governments. In 1986, Government of India had requested the State Governments to explore the possibility of private sector participation in State Road projects. No further information is available with Government of India in regard to any State setting up Joint Ventures with private sector to raise funds for financing road projects or creating a revolving fund for toll-based projects.

(c) Does not arise.

Grievances of Employees of Hindustan Shipyard Limited

2218. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have received a memorandum from a delegation of Hindustan Shipyard Limited Visakhapatnam consisting of representatives from Hindustan Shipyard Labour Union, Hindustan Shipyard Staff Association, Hindustan Shipyard Officers' Association, led by members of Parliament on the 16th December, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the grievances raised in the memorandum; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Memorandum, a request has been made for implementation of the wage revision proposal in order to boost the morale of the workers. they have also made suggestions for revival of the Shipyard such as revising the pricing formula for fixing the price of ships, waiver of customs and import duties and Sales Tax etc.

(c) A number of steps are under consideration of the Govt. for revival of the Shipyard. These include capital re-structuring, authorisation to sell vessels ordered by Shipping Corporation of India Limited in the open market, exemption from Central levies etc. The wage revision for workers, staff and officers will be implemented as soon as the revival package is finalised. however, an *ad-hoc* monthly allowance of Rs. 250 to Rs. 350 is being paid to the officers, workmen and staff alongwith the salary payable from 1.12.1991.

Abolition of Purchase Committee of DTC

2219. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation Board of Directors have abolished the four-member Purchase Committee;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how the purchases are proposed to be made and guidelines/rules to be followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The DTC Board had on 24.4.1991 set up a four member Sub-Committee of the Board to examine and approve all purchase proposals of the DTC.

However, as the Purchase Committee meetings were also being held after the regular Board meetings and as the cases were not many, it was felt by the DTC Board at its meeting on 17.2.1992 that it would be more appropriate to have the purchase proposals approved by the full Board.

Guidelines for S.T.A. Permits

2220. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has laid down some guidelines for issue of S.T.A. permits to vehicles in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately, for different categories of buses;

(c) whether these guidelines stipulate the number of passengers as well as the standing capacity of buses;

(d) whether existing guidelines also include that these buses should have window panes;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) what checks Government have conducted to ensure availability of basic requirements giving details of checks made during 1991 and the number of bus-owners penalised for non-observance of required norms; and

(g) if no such checks have been conducted, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines are given in the statement (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. As per Rule 100 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 the glass of windscreens and windows of every motor vehicles shall be such and shall be maintained in such condition as to be clearly transparent and allow the clear vision outside from inside and inside from outside.

(f) The Transport Department of Delhi Administration carries out regular checks of vehicles to ensure that the basic requirements in buses operating in Delhi are fulfilled. during checkings 771 buses were challaned for violation of provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules thereunder during the year 1991.

(g) Does not arise.

Statement

Grant of 100 Stage Carriage Permits for Luxury Buses

The Scheme for grant of 100 Stage Carriage Permits for Luxury Buses on 20 City Routes was notified in March, 1991. The fare rate of these buses are as under:—

Upto 8 Kms.	—	Rs. 4/-
Above 8 Kms.	—	Rs. 6/-

The main guidelines for grant of these Permits are as under:—

1. The applicant should be a resident of Delhi and must not be a minor as on 01-01-1991.

2. Any individual already holding 5 Stage Carriage Permits or a Co. holding 10 Stage Carriage Permits shall not be eligible to apply under the Scheme. (As per section 71 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 no individual/company is allowed to have Stage Carriage Permits more than the above limits.

3. Each application shall be accompanied by a Bank Draft for Rs. 25,000/- as Security. This condition was imposed to ascertain the financial stability of the applicants, as under Section 71 of the M.V. Act, while considering applications for Stage Carriage Permits, the financial stability of the applicant is also to be kept in view.

4. The security, referred to above, shall be refunded within 15 days of the production of vehicle as per specifications laid down. In case the specified vehicle is not produced within the prescribed period i.e. 3 months, the security shall be forefeited and decision of the Chairman, STA Delhi in this regard shall be final and abiding.